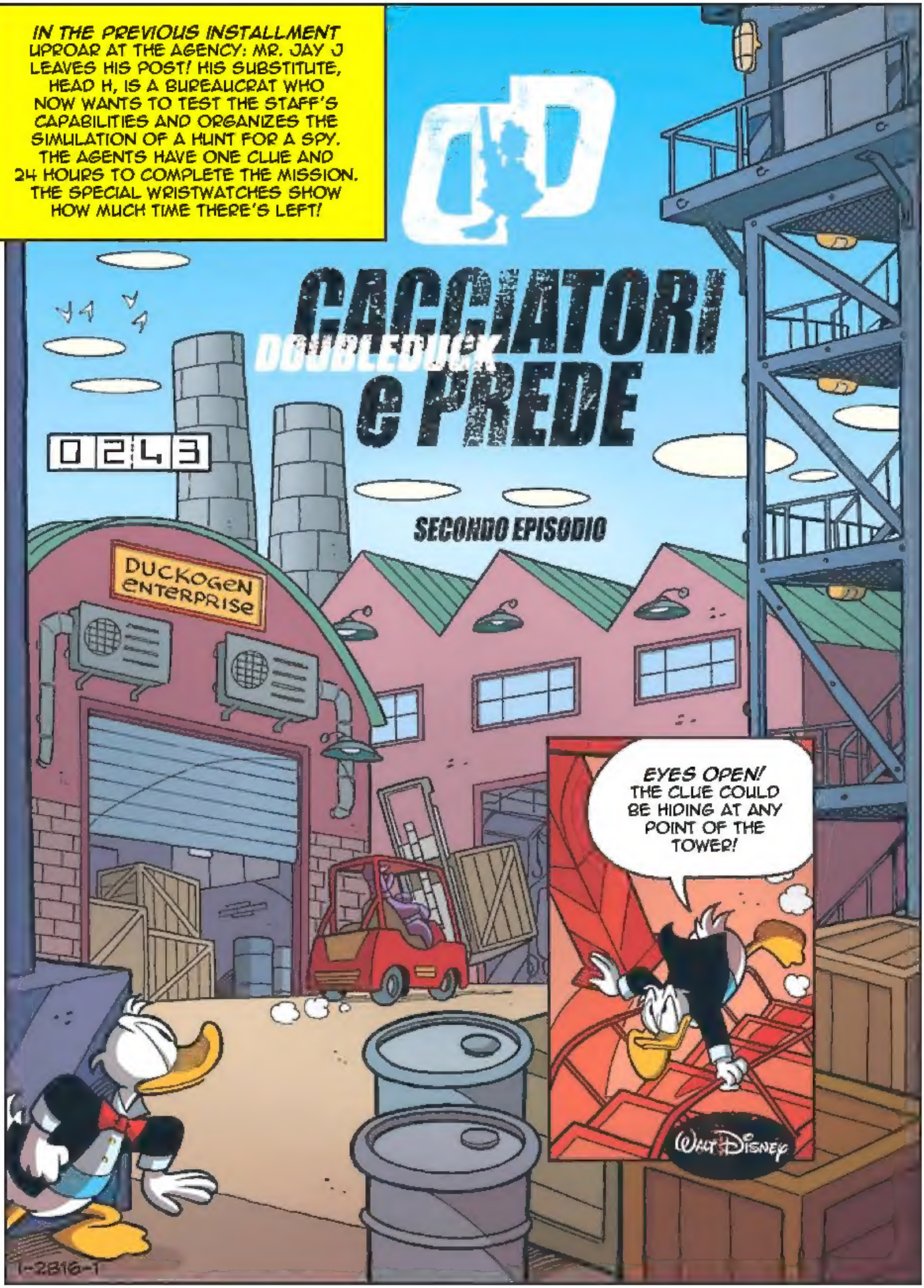
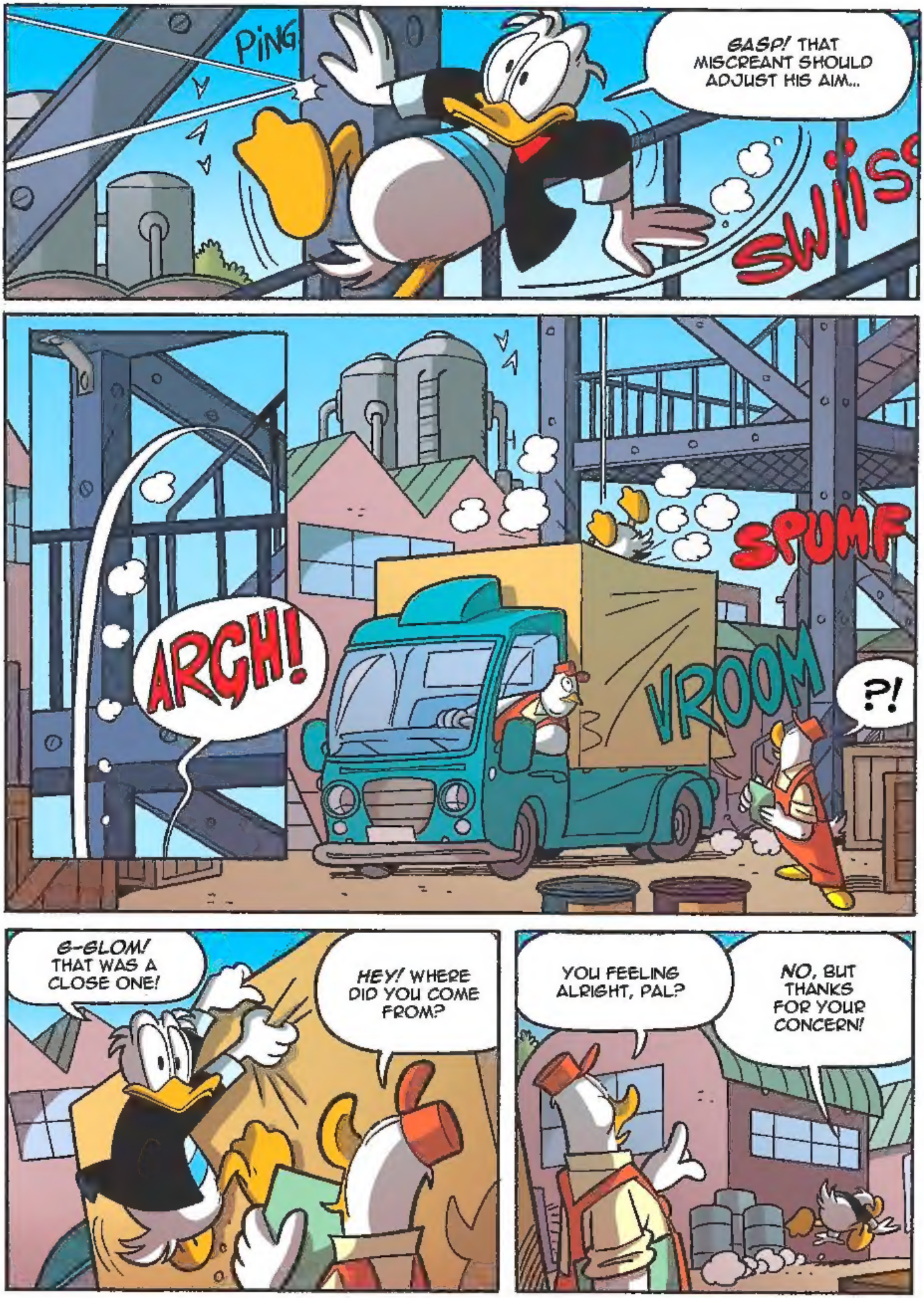
IN THE PREVIOUS INSTALLMENT UPROAR AT THE AGENCY: MR. JAY J LEAVES HIS POST! HIS SUBSTITUTE, HEAD H, IS A BUREAUCRAT WHO NOW WANTS TO TEST THE STAFF'S CAPABILITIES AND ORGANIZES THE SIMULATION OF A HUNT FOR A SPY. THE AGENTS HAVE ONE CLUE AND 24 HOURS TO COMPLETE THE MISSION. THE SPECIAL WRISTWATCHES SHOW HOW MUCH TIME THERE'S LEFT!

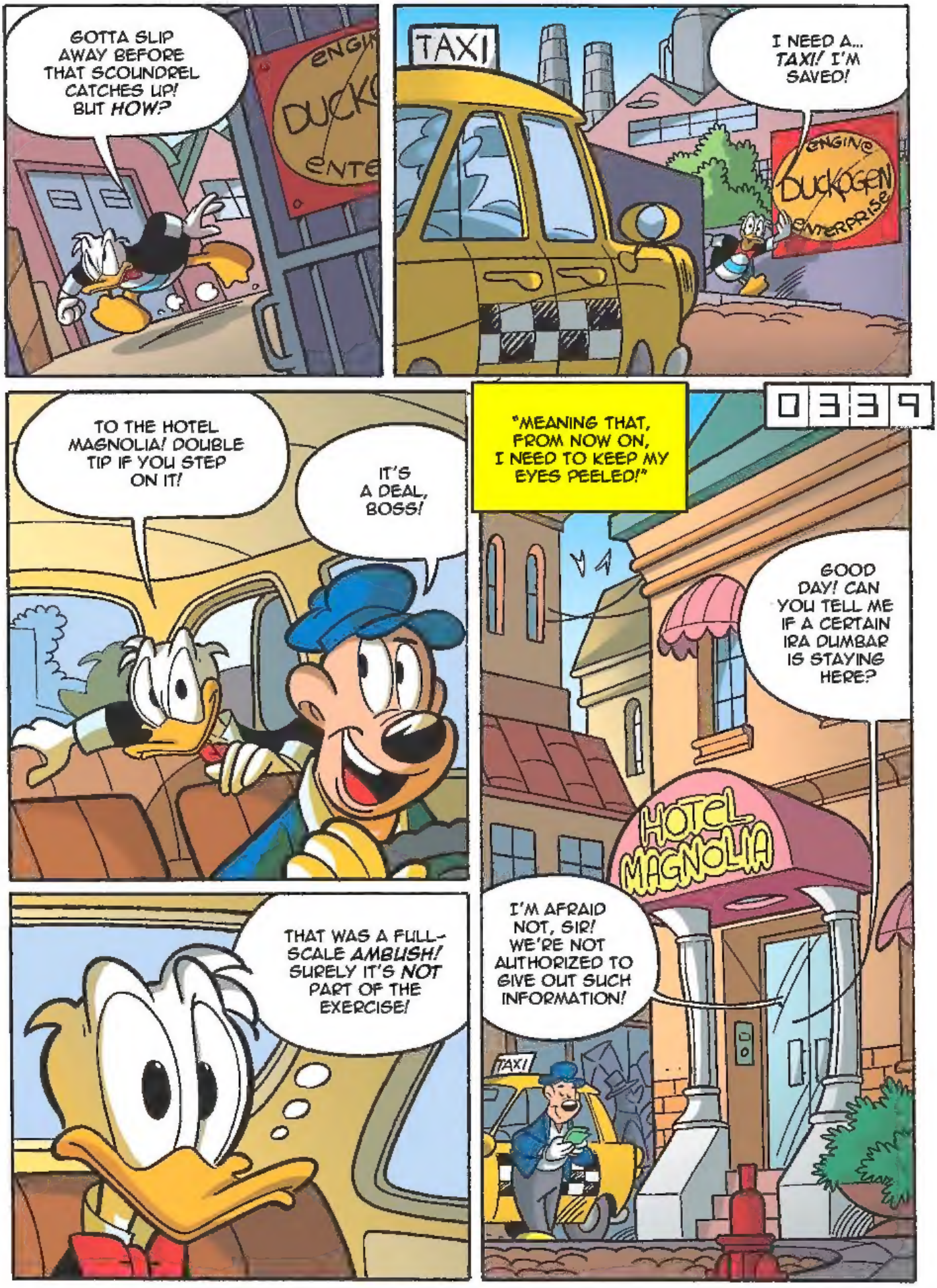


ENGINE
DUCKOGEN
ENTERPRISE
PUFF...

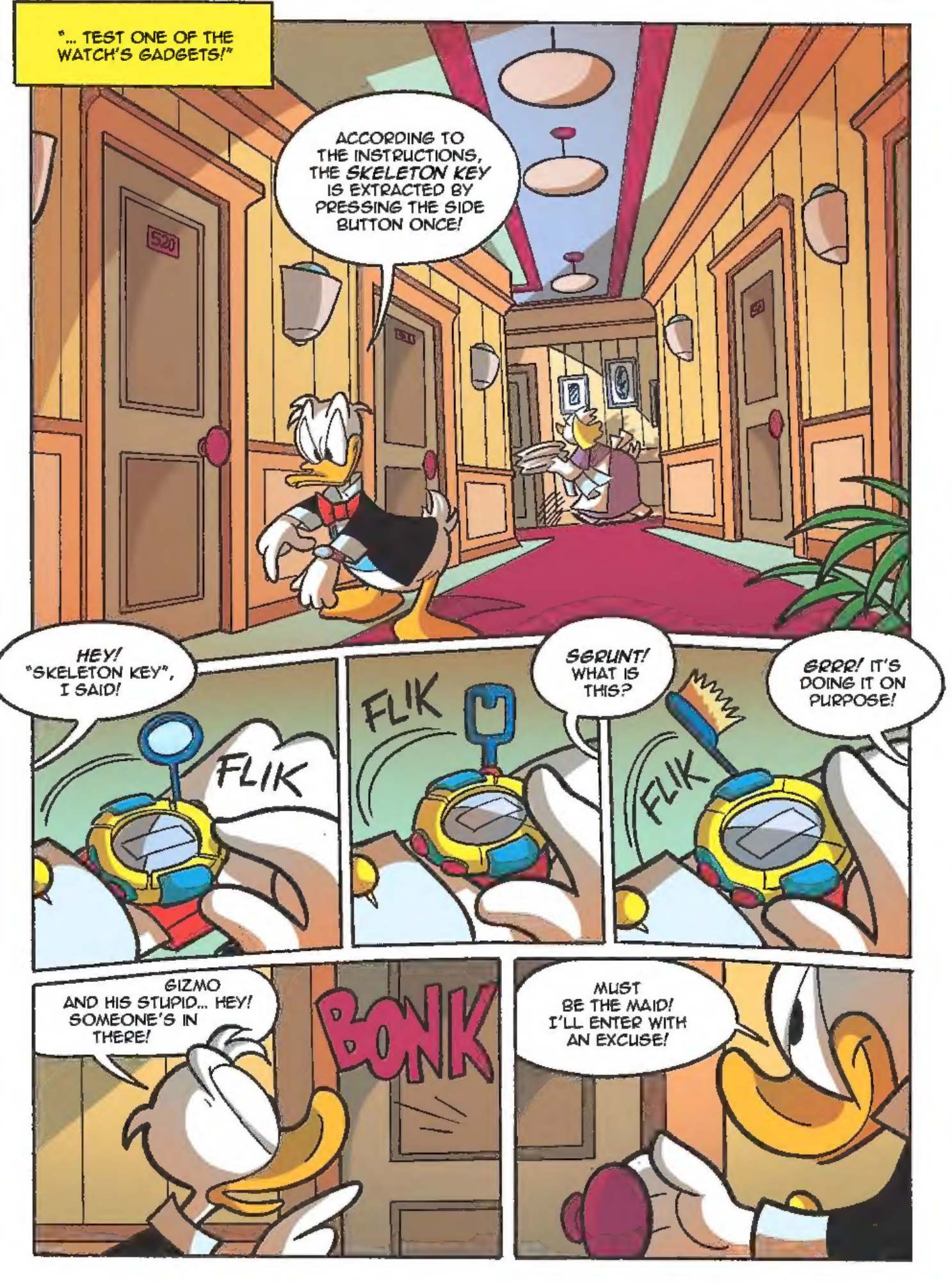
TA CLAK
ENGINE
DUCKOGE
ENTERPRIS
PANT! PANT! FIGURES I HAD TO CLIMB TO THE TOP!
AN ENVELOPE... AND IT'S STILL SHUT! I GOT HERE FIRST!
NO FALSE LEADS THIS TIME! I'M SURE I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK!
STRAAD

"IRA DUMBAR"... MUST BE THE SPY'S NAME!
IRA DUMBAR HOTEL MAGNOLI
I KNOW THIS HOTEL, IT'S IN...
ZIP
SEURGLE! THAT GUY OVER THERE'S TRYING TO FILL ME WITH LEAD!
ENTERPRISE
UP HERE I'M A PERFECT TARGET! I HAVE TO GET DOWN FAST!
BANG


PING
GASP! THAT MISCREANT SHOULD ADJUST HIS AIM...
SWIISS
ARGH!
SPUMF
VROOM
?!
G-GLOM! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
HEY! WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
YOU FEELING ALRIGHT, PAL?
NO, BUT THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN!


GOTTA SLIP AWAY BEFORE THAT SCOUNDREL CATCHES UP! BUT HOW?
TAXI
I NEED A... TAXI! I'M SAVED!
ENGINE DUCKOGEN ENTERPRISE
TO THE HOTEL MAGNOLIA! DOUBLE TIP IF YOU STEP ON IT!
IT'S A DEAL, BOSS!
THAT WAS A FULL-SCALE AMBUSH! SURELY IT'S NOT PART OF THE EXERCISE!
"MEANING THAT, FROM NOW ON, I NEED TO KEEP MY EYES PEELED!"
0339
GOOD DAY! CAN YOU TELL ME IF A CERTAIN IRA DUMBAR IS STAYING HERE?
HOTEL MAGNOLIA
I'M AFRAID NOT, SIR! WE'RE NOT AUTHORIZED TO GIVE OUT SUCH INFORMATION!
TAXI

WE MUST PROTECT THE *PRIVACY* OF OUR GUESTS! IT'S A MATTER OF CONFIDENTIALITY, YOU SEE!
I SEE! IS TWENTY DOLLARS ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU A LITTLE *LESS* "CONFIDENTIAL"?
LET'S SAY THAT *THIRTY* WILL GET YOU A NICE CONVERSATION!
HM
ALRIGHT! NOW LOOSEN THE LOUNGE!
YES, HE'S STAYING HERE! ROOM 520! HE WENT OUT HALF AN HOUR AGO!
THANKS, YOU'VE BEEN VERY KIND!
GREAT! I'LL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A LOOK IN HIS ROOM!
I'LL HAVE TO GET THE DOOR OPEN! IT'S A GOOD OCCASION TO...


"... TEST ONE OF THE WATCH'S GADGETS!"
ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, THE SKELETON KEY IS EXTRACTED BY PRESSING THE SIDE BUTTON ONCE!
520
HEY! "SKELETON KEY", I SAID!
FLIK
FLIK
SGRUNT! WHAT IS THIS?
FLIK
GRRR! IT'S DOING IT ON PURPOSE!
GIZMO AND HIS STUPID... HEY! SOMEONE'S IN THERE!
BONK
MUST BE THE MAID! I'LL ENTER WITH AN EXCUSE!

HI, I WAS LOOKING FOR... GULP!
?!
LOOK OUT, PARTNER! WE HAVE A VISITOR!
T-THAT WAS QUITE A BLOW!
SMASH
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, QUICK!
STRANGE PLACE FOR NAPPING! WOULDN'T THE BED BE BETTER?
YOU?!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
IT WAS EASY! AT FIRST, I FOLLOWED THE CHESS TRAIL...

"... BUT I FOUND NO SIGNS ON THE TOWER AT H1!"

IN RETURN, YOU LEFT ONE TO LEAD US ASTRAY!

YES, WRITING ON THE FLY WITH MY MAKEUP PENCIL!

LATER, HOWEVER, I *SOLVED* THE REBUS! AT SCHOOL I HAD AN A+ IN CHEMISTRY!

AND YOU ARRIVED AT DUCKOGEN...

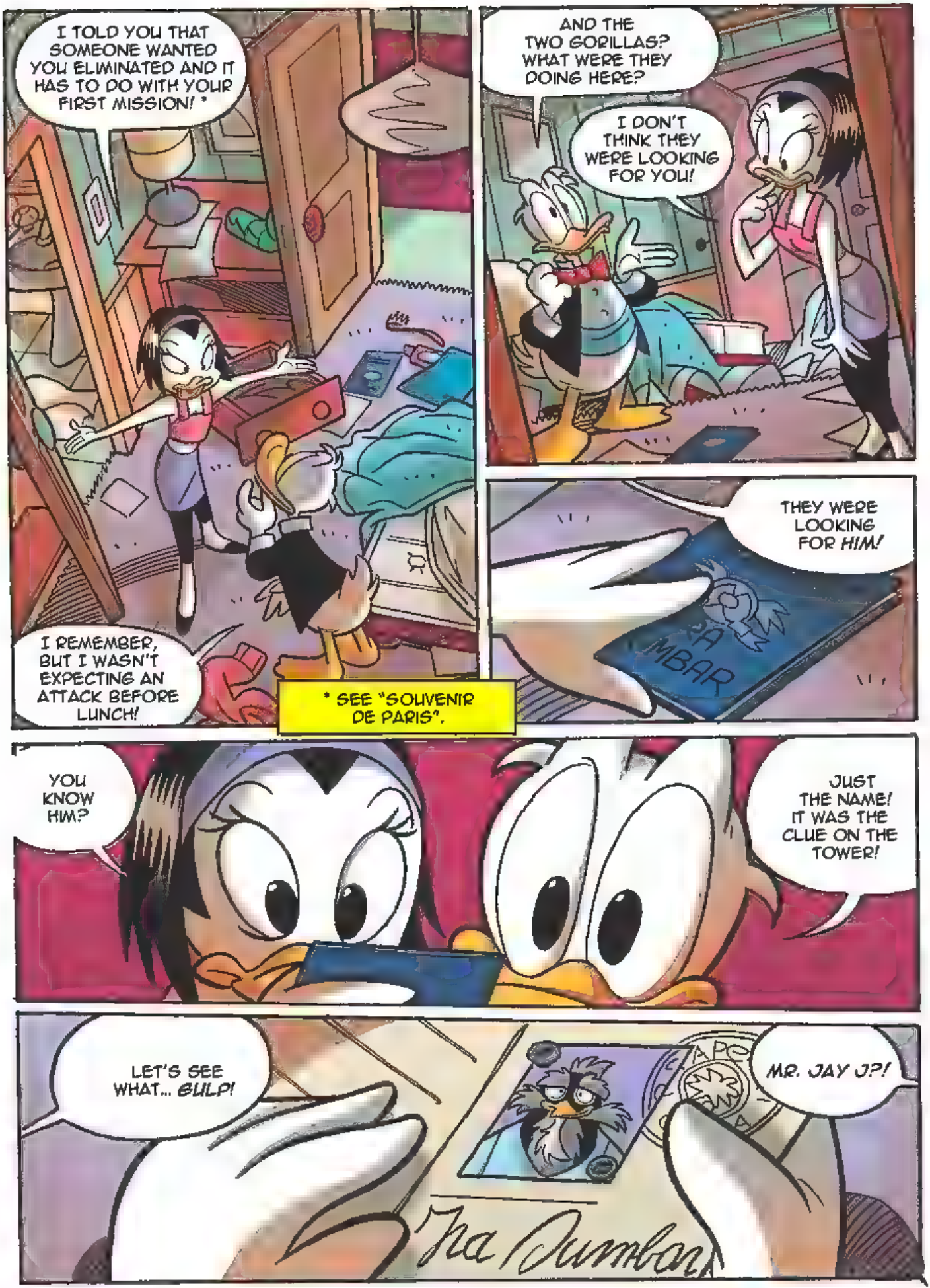
"JUST IN TIME TO SEE YOU COME OUT IN QUITE A HURRY!"

I REALIZED THAT YOU'D FOUND THE CLUE! SO I TAILED YOU!

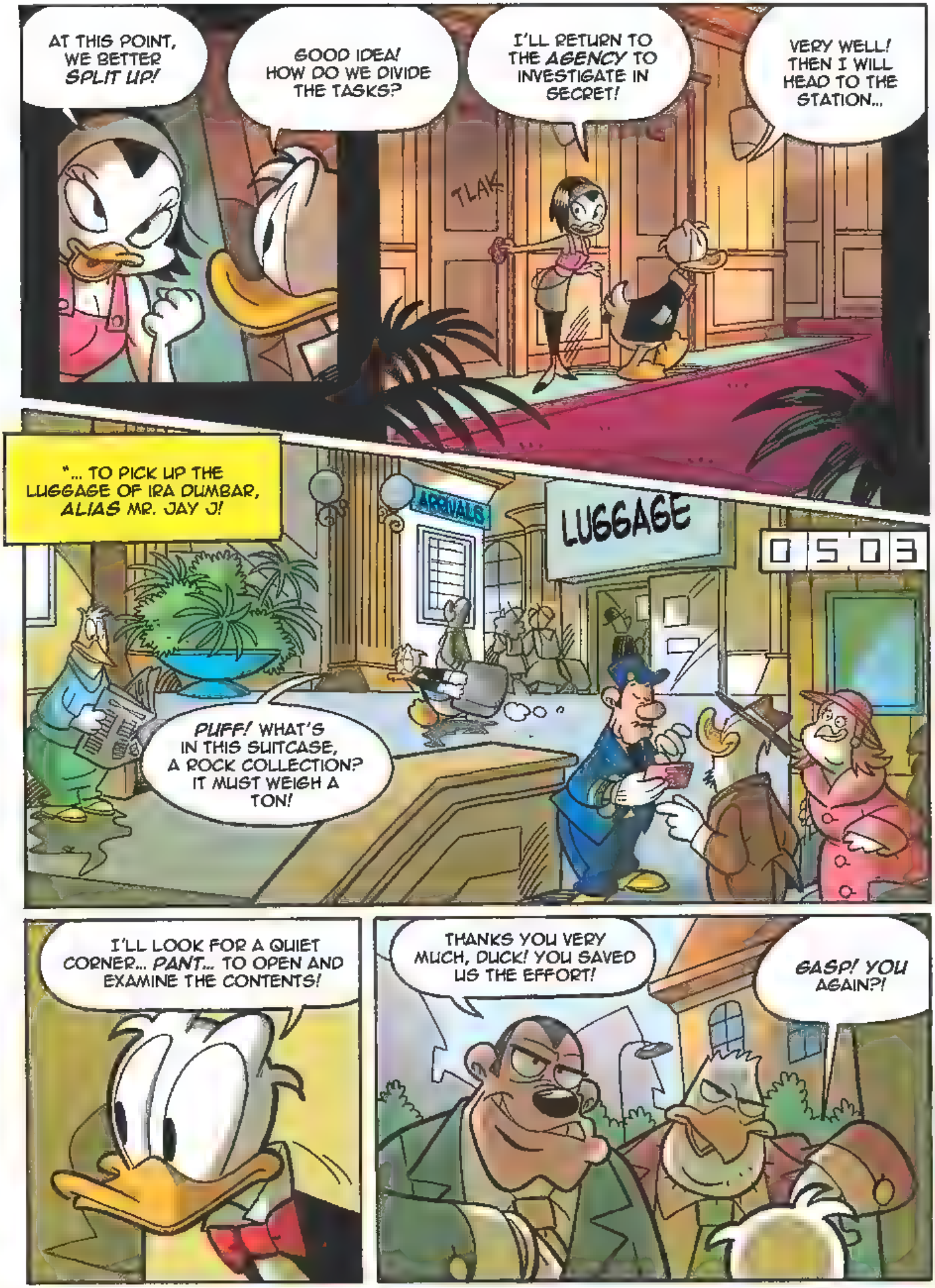
TSK! I DIDN'T RUN BECAUSE I WAS IN A HURRY!

I WAS FLEEING FROM A GUY TRYING TO KILL ME!

I'M NOT SURPRISED! REMEMBER MY WARNING IN PARIS?


I TOLD YOU THAT SOMEONE WANTED YOU ELIMINATED AND IT HAS TO DO WITH YOUR FIRST MISSION! *
I REMEMBER, BUT I WASN'T EXPECTING AN ATTACK BEFORE LUNCH!
* SEE "SOUVENIR DE PARIS".
AND THE TWO GORILLAS? WHAT WERE THEY DOING HERE?
I DON'T THINK THEY WERE LOOKING FOR YOU!
THEY WERE LOOKING FOR HIM!
YOU KNOW HIM?
JUST THE NAME! IT WAS THE CLUE ON THE TOWER!
LET'S SEE WHAT... GULP!
MR. JAY J.P.!
Ta Dumbar

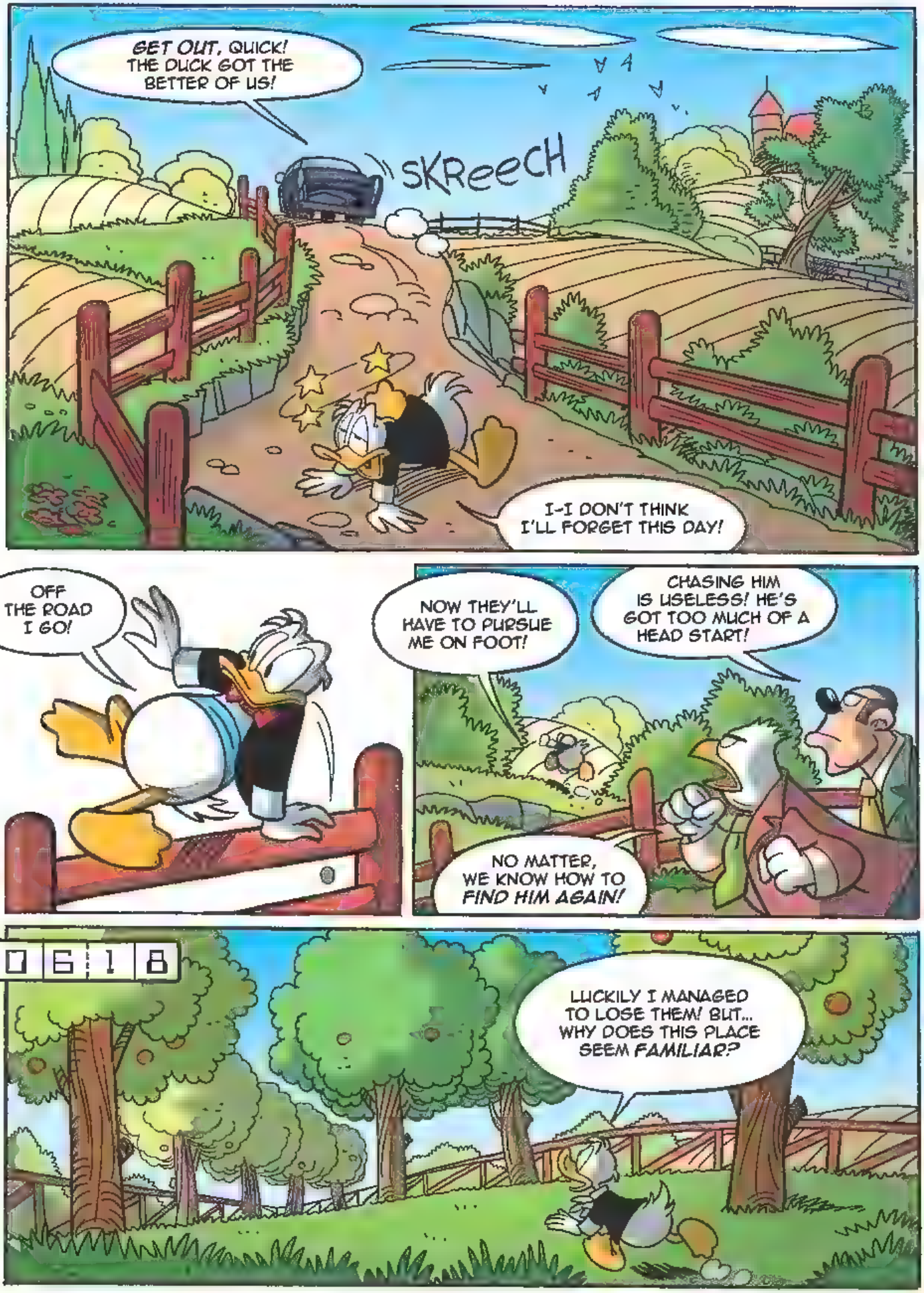
DIDN'T HE RETIRE? AND WHY DOES HE HAVE A *FAKE* PASSPORT?
THIS ALL MAKES NO SENSE!
UNLESS... THIS EXERCISE IS *HIDING* SOMETHING!
WE HAVE TO FIND OUT! FEEL LIKE WORKING TOGETHER?
I'M FOR IT! WHERE DO WE START?
"... THERE COULD BE SOME CLUES LEFT!"
FROM THIS ROOM! IF THEY DIDN'T THOROUGHLY SEARCH IT...
HEY! I FOUND A TICKET!
IT'S A RECEIPT FROM THE LUGGAGE STORAGE AT THE STATION!
THAT MUST BE IMPORTANT, IF IT WAS SO WELL HIDDEN!


AT THIS POINT, WE BETTER SPLIT UP!
GOOD IDEA! HOW DO WE DIVIDE THE TASKS?
I'LL RETURN TO THE AGENCY TO INVESTIGATE IN SECRET!
VERY WELL! THEN I WILL HEAD TO THE STATION...
TLAK
"... TO PICK UP THE LUGGAGE OF IRA DUMBAR, ALIAS MR. JAY J!
ARRIVALS
LUGGAGE
0503
PUFF! WHAT'S IN THIS SUITCASE, A ROCK COLLECTION? IT MUST WEIGH A TON!
I'LL LOOK FOR A QUIET CORNER... PANT... TO OPEN AND EXAMINE THE CONTENTS!
THANKS YOU VERY MUCH, DUCK! YOU SAVED US THE EFFORT!
GASP! YOU AGAIN?!

COME WITH US QUIETLY! THAT'S NOT A *PIPE* IN MY POCKET!
SOMEHOW, I HAD A FEELING!
BE A GOOD BOY AND PUT THE SUITCASE IN THERE!
JHONS BAKER
W-WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS?
TO TAKE YOU FOR A DRIVE! YOU NOT HAPPY?
OOOF...
TUMP
VRROM
GOTTA TRY TO ESCAPE! FIRST OF ALL, I NEED SOME *LIGHT!*
PHEEEW! THE *FLASHLIGHT* WORKS, THANK GOODNESS!

NOW TO PICK THE LOCK! I'LL RESORT TO THE LOCKPICK!
SIGH! HERE WE GO!
FLIK
DAMN! A ROAD BLOCK!
SGRUNT! ALL WE NEEDED WERE COPS COMPLICATING OUR LIVES!
MIKE L.T.D.
CAN'T TAKE THAT RISK!
HOLD TIGHT! WE'LL CUT THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE!
IF THEY CHECK THE TRUNK, WE'RE IN TROUBLE!
VROOM

ARGH! W-WHAT I-IS H-HAPPENING?
BONK
TUMB
CLANG
GULP! THE LOCKPICK! IT CAME OUT BY ITSELF!
RELAX, DOUBLEDUCK! NEED A STEADY HAND HERE!
IT'S OPEN! HURRAY!
TLAK
SBAM
VLUMP
AAAGH!


GET OUT, QUICK! THE DUCK GOT THE BETTER OF US!
SKREECH
I-I DON'T THINK I'LL FORGET THIS DAY!
OFF THE ROAD I GO!
NOW THEY'LL HAVE TO PURSUE ME ON FOOT!
CHASING HIM IS USELESS! HE'S GOT TOO MUCH OF A HEAD START!
NO MATTER, WE KNOW HOW TO FIND HIM AGAIN!
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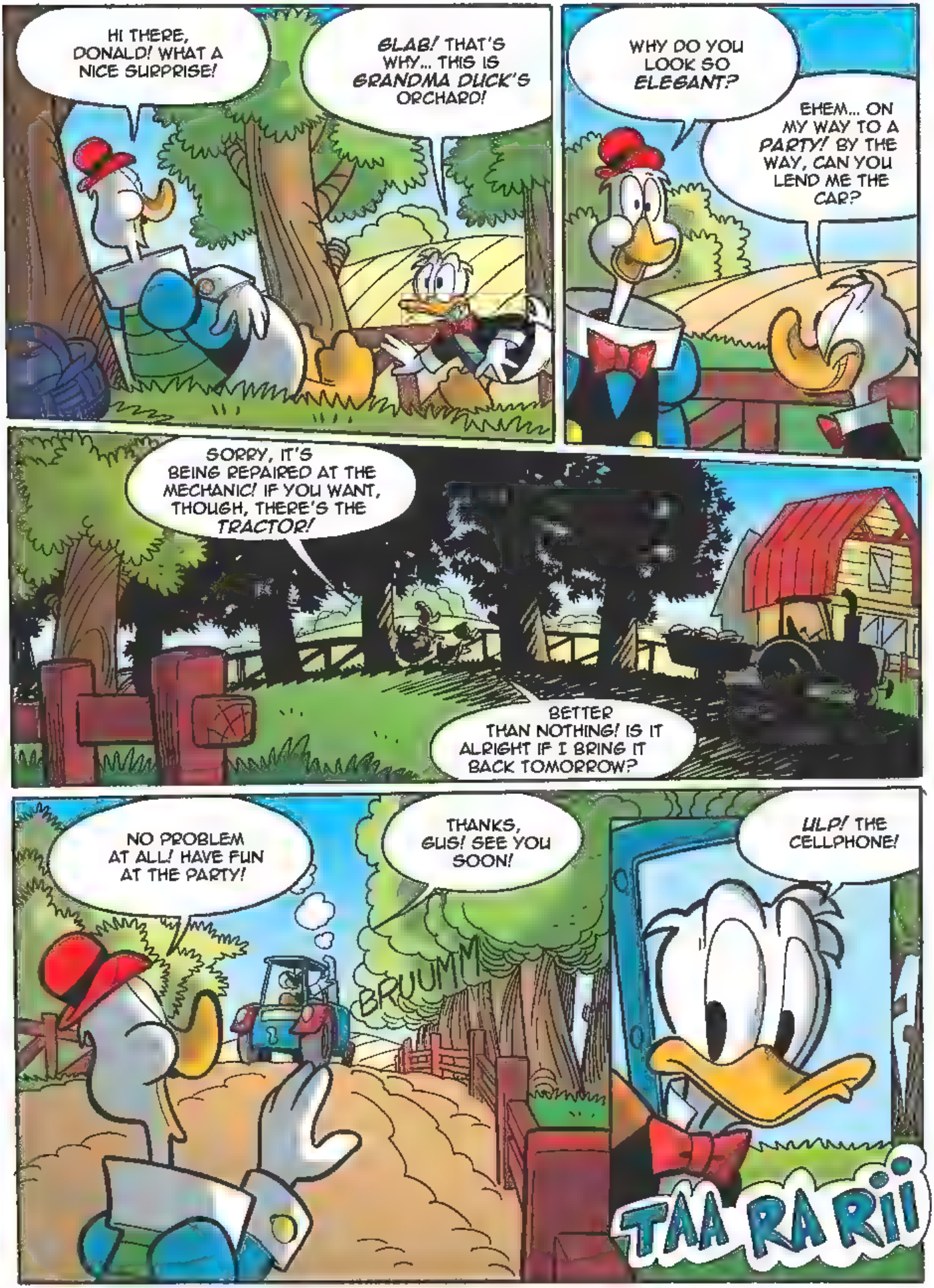
LUCKILY I MANAGED TO LOSE THEM! BUT... WHY DOES THIS PLACE SEEM FAMILIAR?


HI THERE, DONALD! WHAT A NICE SURPRISE!
GLAB! THAT'S WHY... THIS IS GRANDMA DUCK'S ORCHARD!
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO ELEGANT?
EHEM... ON MY WAY TO A PARTY! BY THE WAY, CAN YOU LEND ME THE CAR?
SORRY, IT'S BEING REPAIRED AT THE MECHANIC! IF YOU WANT, THOUGH, THERE'S THE TRACTOR!
BETTER THAN NOTHING! IS IT ALRIGHT IF I BRING IT BACK TOMORROW?
NO PROBLEM AT ALL! HAVE FUN AT THE PARTY!
THANKS, GUS! SEE YOU SOON!
BRUUMM
ULP! THE CELLPHONE!
TAA RA RII

BE QUIET AND LISTEN!
?!
I'VE LEARNED THAT THE RACE IS COVERING A REAL OPERATION: MR. JAY J'S BEING SERIOUSLY SOUGHT AFTER!
WHAAAT?!
SO, I'VE BEEN TRICKED AS USUAL!
SO IT SEEMS! OVER AND OUT!
GRRR! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF BEING A PUPPET...
BROOAR
"... THIS TIME THEY'LL HEAR IT!"
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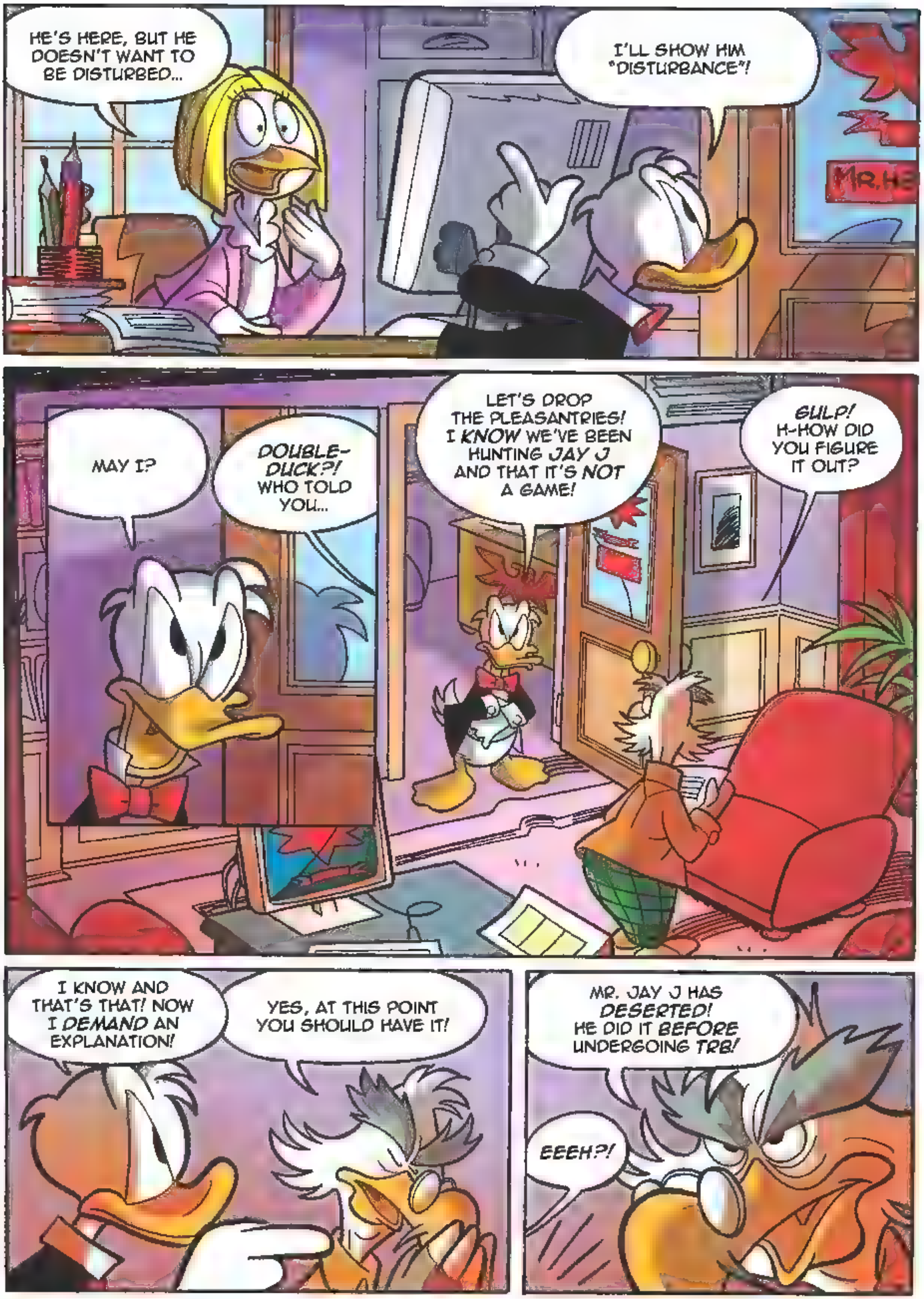
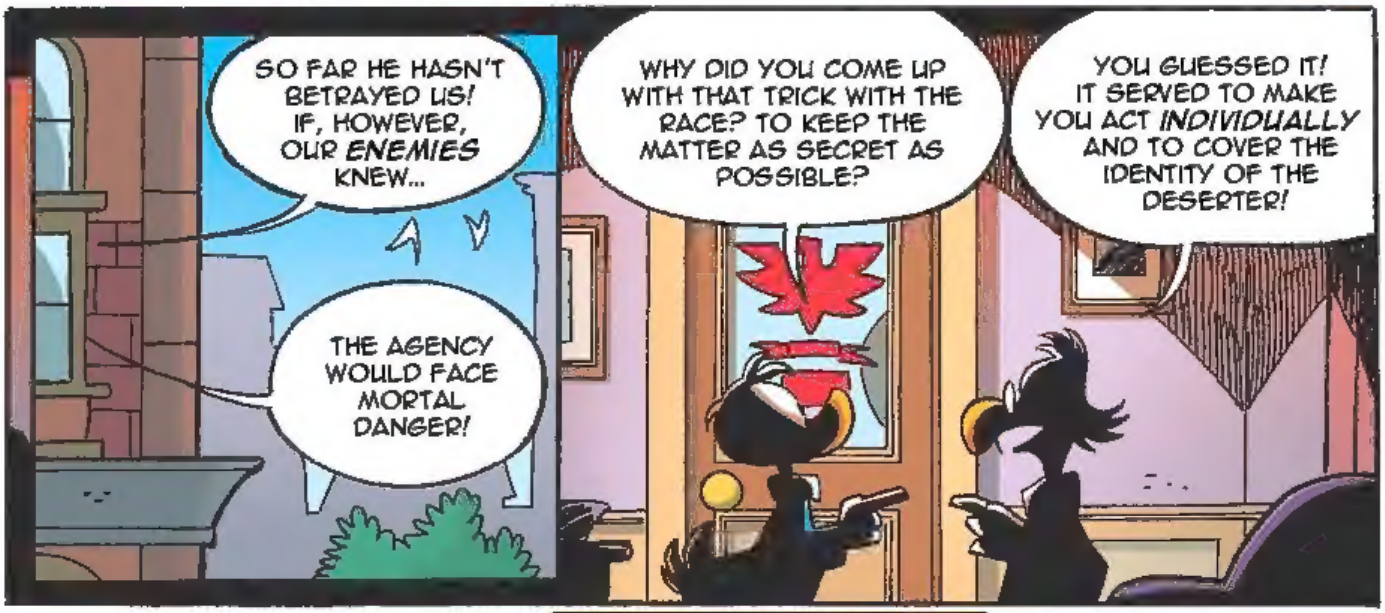
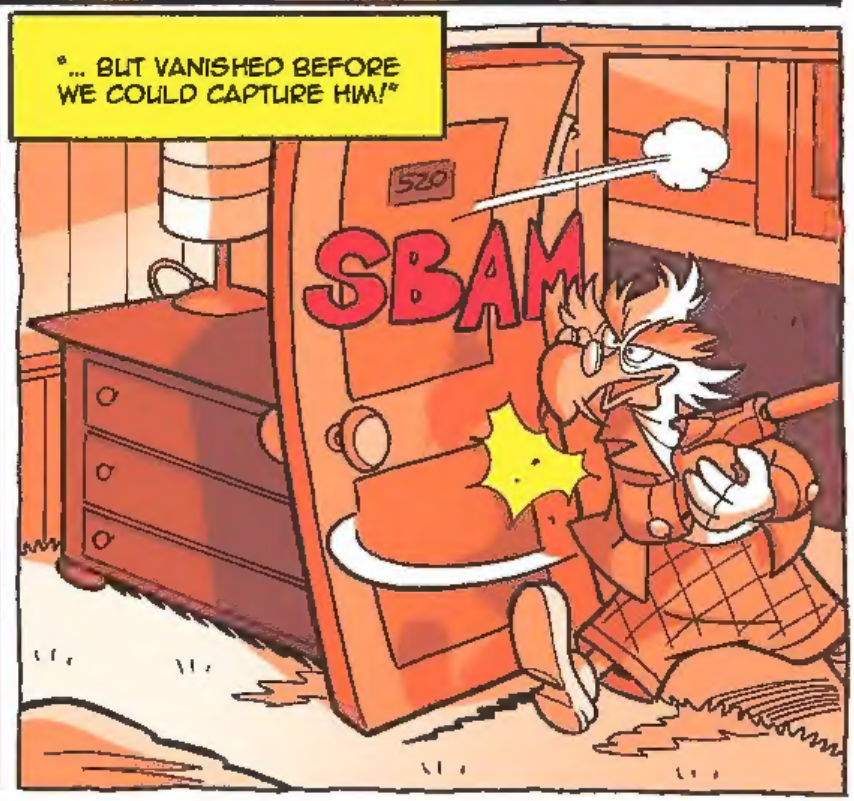
HELLO, DD! I WASN'T EXPECTING TO SEE YOU TODAY!
YEAH, ME NEITHER! IS THE DIRECTOR HERE?
JONS


HE'S HERE, BUT HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED...
I'LL SHOW HIM "DISTURBANCE"!
MR. H
MAY I?
DOUBLE-DUCK?! WHO TOLD YOU...
LET'S DROP THE PLEASANTRIES! I KNOW WE'VE BEEN HUNTING JAY J AND THAT IT'S NOT A GAME!
GULP! H-HOW DID YOU FIGURE IT OUT?
I KNOW AND THAT'S THAT! NOW I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION!
YES, AT THIS POINT YOU SHOULD HAVE IT!
MR. JAY J HAS DESERTED! HE DID IT BEFORE UNDERGOING TRB!
EEEH?!

YOU MEAN HE HASN'T HAD HIS MEMORY *ERASED?*
YES! ALONG WITH ALL OUR *SECRETS!*


SO FAR HE HASN'T BETRAYED US! IF, HOWEVER, OUR *ENEMIES* KNEW...
THE AGENCY WOULD FACE MORTAL DANGER!
WHY DID YOU COME UP WITH THAT TRICK WITH THE RACE? TO KEEP THE MATTER AS SECRET AS POSSIBLE?
YOU GUESSED IT! IT SERVED TO MAKE YOU ACT *INDIVIDUALLY* AND TO COVER THE IDENTITY OF THE DESERTER!

JAY J WAS HIDING AT "MAGNOLIA" UNDER A FALSE NAME...


"... BUT VANISHED BEFORE WE COULD CAPTURE HIM!"
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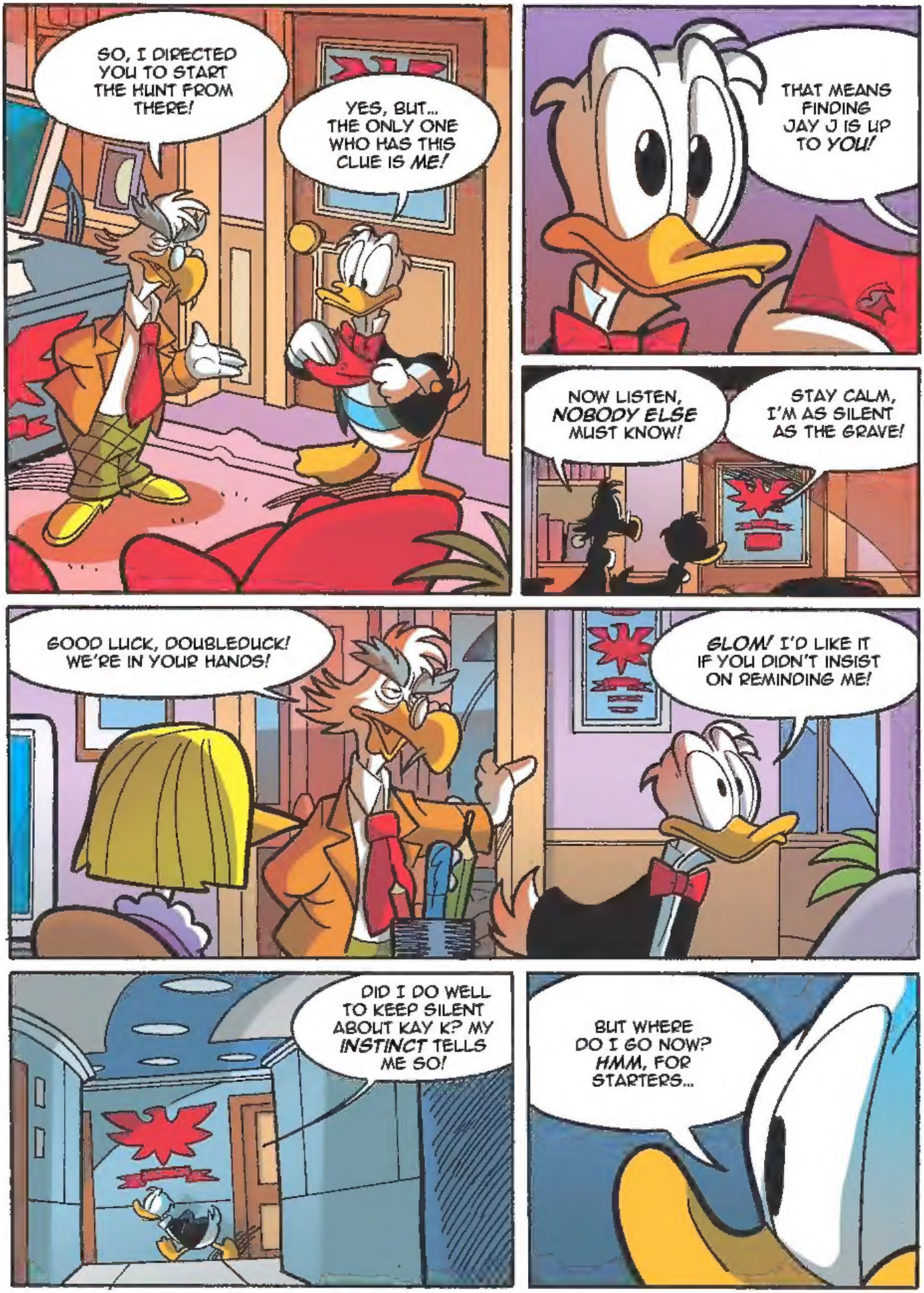
SBAM


SO, I DIRECTED YOU TO START THE HUNT FROM THERE!
YES, BUT... THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS THIS CLUE IS ME!
THAT MEANS FINDING JAY J IS UP TO YOU!
NOW LISTEN, NOBODY ELSE MUST KNOW!
STAY CALM, I'M AS SILENT AS THE GRAVE!
GOOD LUCK, DOUBLEDUCK! WE'RE IN YOUR HANDS!
GLOM! I'D LIKE IT IF YOU DIDN'T INSIST ON REMINDING ME!
DID I DO WELL TO KEEP SILENT ABOUT KAY K? MY INSTINCT TELLS ME SO!
BUT WHERE DO I GO NOW? HMM, FOR STARTERS...

"... I SHOULD CHECK THE *PERSONAL OBJECTS* JAY J LEFT BEHIND!"

IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO FILL OUT ALL THESE FORMS? IN THE END, I'M JUST GONNA RUMMAGE THROUGH A BOX...

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GOOD, NOW RUMMAGE AWAY!

FINALLY! I'D ALMOST GIVEN UP!

OF COURSE, THEY'D HAVE ALREADY THOUGHT TO CHECK THIS STUFF...

"... BUT THERE'S NO HARM TRYING!"

NO CLUES! I DID IMAGINE AS MUCH!

HANG ON! THE LIST COUNTS *TEN* OBJECTS...

STY

BOOK

PHOTO FRAME

... BUT HERE THERE ARE ONLY NINE! THE BOOK IS MISSING!
1 MUG
2 PLANNER
3 PENCIL
SOMEONE'S STOLEN IT! SOMEONE WHO SEARCHED AROUND BEFORE ME...
... AND WHO WOULD HAVE SIGNED THE REGISTER, ACCORDING TO REGULATION!
GULP! THAT SIGNATURE BELONGS TO...
4/7 Kate
15/7 Thom
19/7 Liz Zag
20/7
... LIZ ZAGO! THE ONE WHO STOLE THE BOOK IS HER!
WHAT ROLE DOES THIS TRUSTED SECRETARY PLAY IN THIS PLOT? FIND OUT IN PART THREE!